

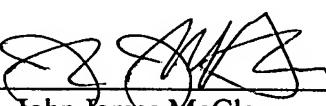
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 26 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15 through 19, 21, 23 and 26 have been amended. The amended claims present the same subject matter as the original claims but have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

The claims have been amended in order to place this application in better form. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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